

Freedom Convoy 2022

Community Enforcement Operation

Situation

The Freedom Convoy 2022 arrived in Ottawa on 28th of January 2022 with participants driving their trucks from all points across the country. The main demonstration was scheduled for the 29th and 30th of January and several truck operators returned home however there remains a large contingent of operators congesting many streets in the downtown core. These truckers vow to remain in place until Covid mandates are lifted across the entire country.

Truck congestion is greatest in the following areas:

- Wellington Kent to Elgin s/b
- Wellington/SJAM from Booth to the Nepean Bay Bridge
- Wellington at Bay to Lyon
- King Edward from Murray to Rideau
- Metcalfe from Lisgar to Albert
- Bank from Laurier to Albert
- Kent from Somerset to Albert

Many roads remain congested but the above have resulted in full closures of:

- Wellington/SJAM from Portage Bridge to Sussex
- Kent from Somerset to Wellington

There are trucks parked in other areas, but they have less impact on regular flow of traffic.

The protest actions were to be directed at the Federal Government however they had absolutely no impact on the MPs returning to the House of Commons on the 31st. Furthermore, most federal employees continue to work virtually, and government operations remain intact.

The only impacts the demonstrators have actually had is on local residents and businesses with little to no affiliation or influence on the federal government.

While organizers and participants advise that the demonstration is peaceful, there have been a number of issues reported in the media and to the police including:

- Charges related to an offensive weapons investigation
- Charges related to uttering threats
- Charges related to property damage
- Desecration of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
- Harassment of Shepherds of Good Hope to supply food
- 25 outstanding criminal investigations
- Harassment of homeless
- Ongoing noise complaints (truckers blaring horns and music throughout the day and night)

- Public urination and defecation
- Overcrowding and harassment of mall owners resulting in the closure of the Rideau Centre from 2-6 FEB
- Harassment of residents at grocery stores by mask less protesters
- General obstruction of roadways for the lawful use by residents

Mission

To provide a constant and heavy presence in the area of Centretown, mainly Bronson Ave to the QED and Catherine St to Wellington St and the SJAM and the Market consisting of Colonel By Dr to King Edward Ave and Mann Ave to Boteler St To address specific Area these neighborhoods to restore order, peace and a sense of safety.

This will be realized through enforcement of Provincial and Municipal Statutes as well as arrests if necessary.

Officers will be on foot in pairs and be responsible for the areas they are assigned

The goal of the activity is to engage in community interactions, Bylaw, HTA and Criminal Code Enforcement.

Specific behaviors such as, mischief to property, threatening, menacing, spitting, hate speech, intimidation and other types of anti social behavior will be addressed by officers.

Activities and statistics will be tracked by officers

Execution

Police Approach

Police officers will be assigned to the downtown core in an attempt to end all unlawful behavior by the protesters or any other person engaged in illegal activities.

Officers will be directed to use their discretion sparingly and only in extreme cases.

Area of Operations

Activities in outlying urban areas will be the responsibility of FLD and Traffic resources.

The area of operation for this plan will include Centertown including the Golden Triangle, Bronson Ave to QED and Catherine St to Wellington St along with SJAM. The Plan will also include the Market area, mainly Colonel By Dr to King Edward Ave and Mann Ave to Boteler St. As enforcement activities increase, there is the possibility that the protesters will migrate away from the area of operations in this plan. The plan will may expanded to include those areas in that.

The area of operations will be divided into four distinct areas, each area will be patrolled by the designated officers. The area of operations will be restricted to those neighborhoods where protestors congregate whether it be the location of truck congestion, or areas where they have migrated on foot.

Zone 1 (West Division Officers) will include Centertown, north of Gladstone, including Bank Street West to Bronson and Lebreton Flats area.

Areas of particular concern:

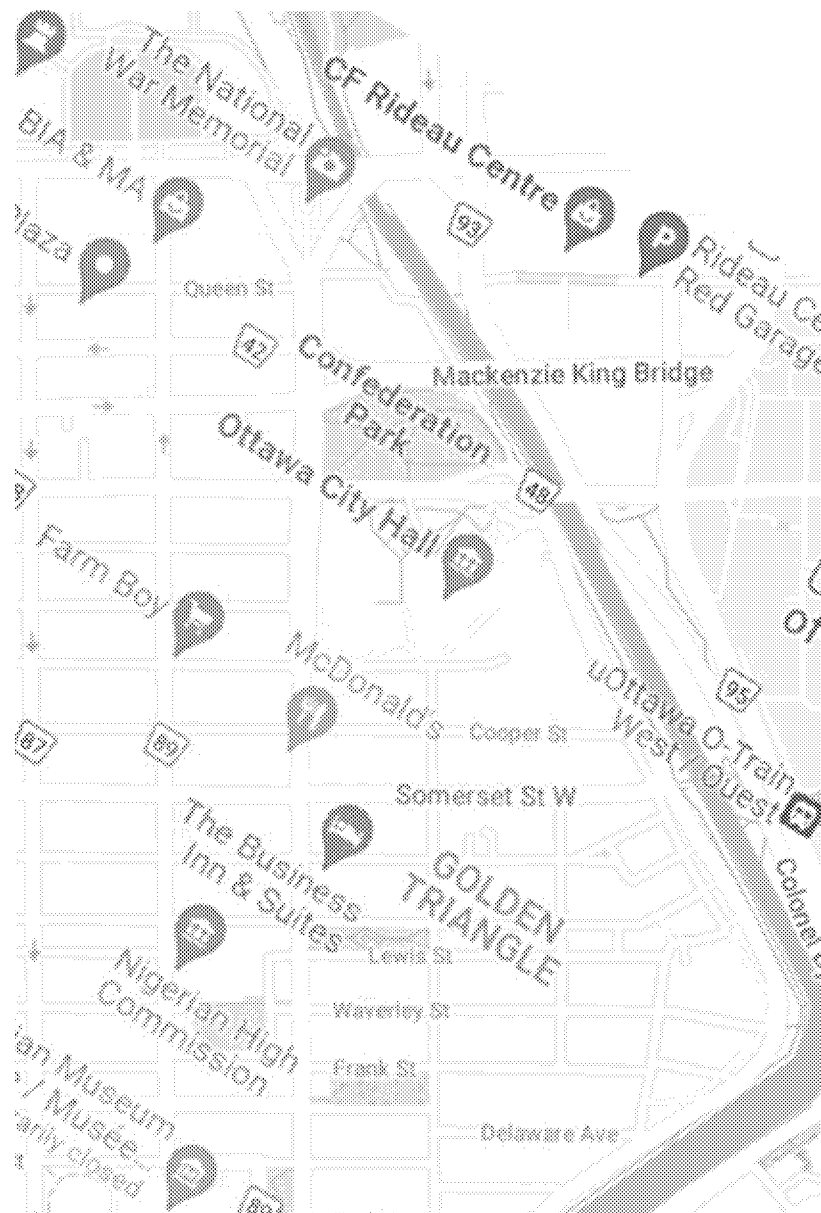
- Bay / Lisgar
- Somerset / Kent
- Lyon and Cooper (and surrounding area)
- Wellington - Bay to Bank
- SJAM at Booth



Zone 2 (Central Division Officers) will be Centertown, all areas east of bank and north of the Queensway. It will include Wellington in front of Parliament Hill and extend down to Sappers Bridge.

Areas of particular concern:

- MacLaren / Cartier St
- Confederation Park
- Somerset / Metcalfe
- O'Connor / Somerset
- Area bound by Nepean / Bank down to Gilmour and Metcalfe
- Delaware / Cartier
- Robert / Waverly St



Zone 3 (East Division Officers) will be the Lowertown and Sandy Hill area. It will also include areas of Rideau east of Sappers Bridge.

Areas of particular concern:

- Nelson / Besserer
- Clarence / Nelson
- Nelson / Beausoleil St
- Guigues Ave / Cumberland
- Stewart / Friel
- Osgoode / Marlborough



Staffing

Staffing the operations under this plan will fall to members of FLD who will have their days-off cancelled for 04-06 February 2022.

Deployment Model

Members will deploy in pairs and will remain in close communications with the team lead. Members will keep the team lead aware of all activities including rest breaks.

Operational Period

Members assigned to this plan will follow their regular rotation (Day shift, Afternoon shift, Night shift and Fixed shift). This will provide ample coverage in the Downtown core and surrounding neighborhoods.

Statistics

At the end of each shift, the Team Lead will be responsible for collecting enforcement and activity statistics from all members assigned to him/her and reporting them to Command Centre

Administration

Overtime

Officers will submit their overtime claims to their respective Patrol Supervisor using:

Approval Authority	#20305 (A/Supt Burnett)
Project code:	CONVOY
Cost Centre:	124167

Portable Radios

Members will be assigned radios prior to being deployed

Communication/Command and Control

Communication

Members deployed under this plan will use Radio Channel so that everyone has a situational awareness and Dispatch is immediately available to provide emergency support.

Command and Control

The team leads for each area is as indicated in the chart below.

Zone	0645-1730 Day	1100-2145 Early Afternoon	1645-0300 Late Afternoon	2045-0730 Night
1				
2				
3				

Appendix – List of Potential Charges

<<will add a list of “likely-to-be-experienced” charges>>